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Testimony Supporting House Bill No. 6840

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**AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill No. 6840, An Act Concerning Investments in Transportation Infrastructure.

This bill authorizes \$2.78 billion of special tax obligation bonds over five years for the Governor's Let's Go CT! long-term transportation plan as follows:

\$274,850,000 in FY 2016  
\$520,200,000 in FY 2017  
\$547,200,000 in FY 2018  
\$749,800,000 in FY 2019  
\$691,000,000 in FY 2020

The projects to be implemented are as follows:

1. Design and engineering for Interstate 84 widening between exits 3 and 8;
2. Design and engineering for Interstate 84 viaduct replacement in Hartford;
3. Operational lanes for Interstate 84 interchange 40 to 42 in West Hartford;
4. Design and engineering for Interstate 84 and Route 8 interchange improvements in Waterbury;
5. Design and engineering for Interstate 91, Interstate 691 and Route 15 interchange improvements;
6. Design and engineering for Interstate 95 widening between Bridgeport and Stamford;
7. Design and engineering, including rights-of-way for Interstate 95 widening between the Baldwin Bridge and the Gold Star Bridge;
8. Relocation and reconfiguration for Interstate 91 interchange 29 in Hartford;
9. Rehabilitation and repair for Interstate 95 Gold Star Bridge;
10. Reconfiguration for Route 7 and Route 15 interchange in Norwalk;
11. Design and engineering for Route 9 improvements in Middletown;

12. Urban bikeway, pedestrian connectivity, trails and alternative mobility programs;
13. Rehabilitation for Route 15 West Rock Tunnel and interchange 59;
14. Implementation of an Innovative Bridge Delivery and Construction Program.
15. Bus rolling stock for service expansions;
16. Statewide rail rolling stock replacement program;
17. Continued expansion, rolling stock and development of stations on the Hartford Line;
18. Extension of CTfastrak east to Manchester;
19. Implementation of bus rapid transit for Route 1 between Norwalk and Stamford;
20. New signal system on the Waterbury branch line;
21. Interim repairs to the SAGA moveable and Cos Cob bridges on the New Haven Line;
22. Design, engineering and construction of a new dock yard on the Danbury branch line;
23. Design and construction of the Orange, Barnum and Merritt 7 stations on the New Haven Line and Danbury branch line;
24. Development of a Madison station and parking garage on Shoreline East;
25. Study for an East Lyme (Niantic) station on Shoreline East;
26. Design and construction of a parking deck and pedestrian bridge in New Haven on the New Haven Line;
27. Design and construction of a pedestrian bridge in Stamford on the New Haven Line;
28. Implementation of a real-time location and bus information system statewide;
29. Implementation of a real-time audio and video system on the New Haven Line;
30. Development of a plan to upgrade capacity and speed on the New Haven Line;
31. Study for centralized para-transit service coordination statewide.

Many of these projects will require several years of engineering and design before we can begin to replace the aging infrastructure, while others will immediately enhance our economy and mobility by providing alternative transportation options, and making our transit systems more reliable and convenient. This proposal is fully paid for in the Governor's budget proposal, and allows us to start the process of addressing our most urgent needs that cannot be avoided.

I respectfully request that the committee support this bill. Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions you may have.